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**MINUTES OF THE
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING
December 21, 2006**

Call to Order

Marcy Echternacht, President, called the meeting of the Nebraska Board of Nursing to order at 8:30 a.m. on December 21, 2006.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Marcy Echternacht, RN, President
Mary Megel, RN, Vice-President
Jackie Ross, RN, Secretary
Joyce Bunger, public member
Mary Bunger, RN
Nancy Gondringer, RN
Lori Smith, RN
Crystal Higgins, RN
Deanna Lloyd, LPN

The following members were absent:

Sandra Mann, Public member
Dawn Nickel, LPN
Julie Brauer, RN

A quorum of the Board was present and the meeting convened. Also present from the Credentialing Division was Charlene Kelly, RN, Executive Director; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant, Ruth Schuldt, RN, Compliance Monitor and Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant; Present from the Investigations Division were Michael Grutsch, and Robert Semerena. Present from the Department of Regulation and Licensure was Bob Leopold. Present from the Attorney General's office was Terri Nutzman, Assistant Attorney General.

1. Gondringer made the motion seconded by M. Bunger **to adopt the agenda as distributed.**

Voting aye: Echternacht, Megel, Ross, M. Bunger, J. Bunger, Higgins, Gondringer, Smith and Lloyd. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Mann, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

2. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board adopt the consent agenda and approve the minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting as corrected.**

Voting aye: Echternacht, Megel, Ross, M. Bunger, J. Bunger, Higgins, Gondringer, Smith and Lloyd. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Mann, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

3. Gondringer made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing investigation reports.**

Voting aye: Echternacht, Megel, Ross, M. Bunger, J. Bunger, Higgins, Gondringer, Smith and Lloyd. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Mann, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

8:40 a.m. The board went into closed session

Echternacht and Megel recused themselves during various portions of the discussion in closed session.

9:58 a.m. The board came out of closed session. The following motions were made based on discussion held in closed session.

Ann Cleveland

4. Megel made the motion seconded by M. Bunger **that the board defer their decision on issuance of Ann Cleveland's RN license pending the results of the hearing on a disciplinary issue involving her LPN license. If sanctions are taken on her LPN license, her RN license should be issued with the same sanctions. If her LPN license is revoked, her application for an RN license should be denied.**

Voting aye: Echternacht, Megel, Ross, M. Bunger, J. Bunger, Higgins, Gondringer, Smith and Lloyd. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Mann, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

Marcus Johnson

5. M. Bunger made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board issue Marcus Johnson a probationary LPN license pending successful completion of NCLEX-PN®. The probation will remain in effect for three years. The following probationary conditions will be in effect: abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, provide verification from treating practitioner of all prescription medications, report all prescription medications, submit to random body fluid screens, comply with treatment recommendations, advise the Department of any professional counseling and submit reports, participate in two NA, AA, or other support group meetings each week, maintain active practice (minimum of 130**

hrs per quarter), obtain a sponsor and the usual terms and conditions of probation.

Voting aye: Echternacht, Megel, Ross, M. Bunger, J. Bunger, Higgins, Gondringer, Smith and Lloyd. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Mann, Brauer and Nickel. Motion carried.

Erin Arnold

6. Lloyd made the motion seconded by Megel **that the board issue Erin Arnold probationary LPN license pending successful completion of NCLEX-PN®. The probation will remain in effect for three years. The following probationary conditions will be in effect: abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, provide verification from treating practitioner of all prescription medications, report all prescription medications, submit to random body fluid screens, comply with treatment recommendations, advise the Department of any professional counseling and submit reports, participate in two NA, AA, or other support group meetings each week, maintain active practice (minimum of 130 hrs per quarter), follow the recommendations of her chemical dependency evaluation, obtain a sponsor and the usual terms and conditions of probation.**

Response to Letter to Department Regarding Review of Complaints not Opened

The board has received copies of a letter from Bob Leopold, Acting Deputy Director, Department of Regulation and Licensure. A brief discussion was held on the letter. Echternacht had not yet received her letter. It was decided that the response will be further discussed at the January meeting after everyone has reviewed the letter.

Forum Topics for January Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Nursing will be held January 17-18 at Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center. The forum topics on January 17 will include a discussion of legislation introduced and a continuation of the discussion on requiring criminal background checks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes taken by

Charlene Kelly, Ph.D., RN
Executive Director